

✓ to ---claim 1---.

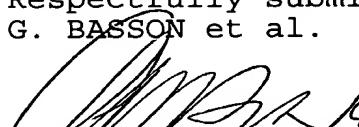
In claim 14, line 1, please change "any of the preceding claims"  
to ---claim 1---.

In claim 15, line 1, please change "any of the preceding claims"  
to ---claim 1---.

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination and calculation of the filing fees in the above-identified patent application. Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

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